

# Chemung Valley Soccer Officials Association

## Constitution

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**Article I. Name**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Chemung Valley Soccer Officials Association (CVSOA).

**Article II. Purpose**

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be the perpetuation of soccer as a sport, protection and training of officials, teaching of the game to teams, and rendering a service to the community.

**Article III. Membership**

Section 1. Any person who supports the purpose of the organization may become a member and shall be entitled to all the benefits of the membership as established by the Executive Board or by the full membership as prescribed by the By-Laws.

Section 2. The membership of the organization shall consist of all members that are in good standing as prescribed in the By-Laws.

Section 3. The amount and time of payment of all fees and the privileges of the members shall be established by the Executive Board or by the full membership as prescribed by the By-Laws.

Section 4. Members may be suspended or expelled in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Executive Board or by the full membership as prescribed by the By-Laws.

**Article IV. Management**

Section 1. The management of the organization shall be vested in the Executive Board and shall consist of not less than five officers and nor more than ten officers. The Executive Board shall be made up of at least the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules Interpreter, Assignor, and at least one (1 ) member at large. More members at large may be elected with the provisions outlined in the By-Laws.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have the responsibility of making legal decisions regarding the management and control of all property, facilities, equipment, program services and financial assets of the organization, other than those powers prescribed by law as vested in the full membership of the organization.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall have power to fill, for the un-expired term, all Executive Board vacancies that occur between annual elections per the By-Laws. They shall have the authority to make changes to the By-Laws for their own government and for the government of the organization as prescribed in the By-Laws, not inconsistent with this constitution.

Section 4. The Executive Board may hold or dispose of such property, real and personal, as may be given, devised, or bequeathed to this organization, or entrusted to its care and keeping, and may purchase, acquire and dispose of such property as may be deemed necessary or helpful to carry out the purpose of the organization as outlined in the By-laws.

Section 5. The Executive Board may enact a proxy system for the Executive Board or the Association as established in the By-Laws. This proxy system may not substitute towards attendance or quorum provisions outlined in either the Constitution of the By-Laws.

#### **Article V. Meetings**

Section 1. The Executive Board has the sole responsibility to establish the time, location, and frequency of meetings for the organization.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall establish once a year an annual meeting which shall be identified in accordance shall the By-Laws as the annual meeting for elections.

Section 3. A quorum for conducting business shall consist of a percentage establish in the By-Laws of the voting membership present at any meeting duly called by the Executive Board when at least one week advance notice has been given to the membership by the secretary using whatever means is used to notify members of match assignments.

Section 4. Members shall comply with meeting requirements as specified in the By-Laws.

Section 5. All meetings and business of this association shall be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order unless otherwise specified in the By-Laws.

#### **Article VI. Elections**

Section 1. Organizational members are entitled to vote on officers and other specific matters affecting this organizations otherwise stated in this document or the By-Laws.

Section 2. Probationary members are not eligible to vote.

Section 3. This organization shall not entertain absentee voting / ballots for the election of officers.

Section 4. The positions of President, Treasurer, and a Member at Large shall be filled at the end of the season in the even numbered years. All other officer positions shall be filed at the end of the season in the odd number years.

Section 5. The terms of the above officers shall be two (2) years. There are no limits on how many terms an officer may serve.

**Article VII. Non-Inurement Provision**

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of CVSOA shall inure to the benefit of any member or officer of CVSOA, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for CVSOA.) No member or officer of CVSOA or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets upon dissolution of CVSOA.

**Article VIII. Amendments**

Section 1.

Either the Executive Board or a member(s) in good standing of this organization may propose an amendment to this Constitution. The proposed amendment may be introduced at any regular meeting and shall be read for the first time at the end of the meeting in which it was proposed. The proposed amendment shall then be submitted, in writing, to each member, at least seven days in advance of the date of the next regularly scheduled meeting. A second reading of the proposed amendment shall be made at that meeting and a vote may be taken at that time. A three-quarters (3/4) vote of the membership present shall be required to pass the proposed amendment. For purposes of amending this Constitution, a quorum of sixty percent (60%) of the voting membership shall be present at the meeting, at the time of the vote, to make the vote legal and binding.

**Article IX. Dissolution**

Section 1. In the event of dissolution of CVSOA, all of the remaining assets and property of CVSOA shall after necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, or to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. The Executive Board shall determine this.

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